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**In re Application of:**

ALEXANDER I. McALLISTER

Serial No.: 09/309,274

Filed: May 11, 1999

For: **VOICE RESPONSE APPARATUS AND  
METHOD OF PROVIDING  
AUTOMATED VOICE RESPONSES  
WITH SILENT PROMPTING**

Group Art Unit: 2743

Examiner: Unassigned

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following for filing in the above identified application:

-- **Power of Attorney by Assignee; and**  
-- **Certificate Establishing Right of Assignee To Prosecute**  
Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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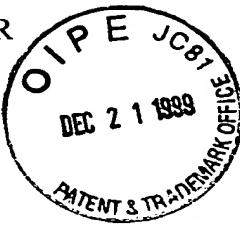
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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE**

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Dear Sir:

As named Assignee for the above-identified application, it is requested that the following attorneys be appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**NAME OF ASSIGNEE**

## BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

Date: 6/15/99

By: Steven Nathan Thorne

Title: manages - Intellectual Property

CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO PROSECUTE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)



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Bell Atlantic Network Services, Inc., a Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached.

OR

B.  A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Date: 6/15/99

BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

By: Shawn Mahan Thacker

Title: Manager - Intellectual Property

Signature: Shawn Mahan Thacker

# Assignment

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each undersigned inventor has sold and assigned, and by these presents hereby sells and assigns, unto BELL ATLANTIC NETWORK SERVICES, INC., 1320 N. Court House Road, Arlington, VA 22202 (hereinafter ASSIGNEE) all right, title and interest in and to his invention relating to **VOICE RESPONSE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF PROVIDING AUTOMATED VOICE RESPONSES WITH SILENT PROMPTING** as set forth in his United States Patent Application

executed concurrently herewith  
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in and to said United States Patent Application including any and all divisions or continuations thereof and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may issue on any such application or for said invention, including any and all reissues or extensions thereof to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned had this Assignment not been made;

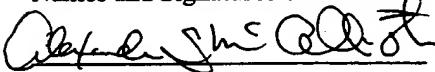
Each of the undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all such Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, its successors or assigns in accordance herewith;

Each of the undersigned warrants and covenants that he has the full and unencumbered right to sell and assign the interests herein sold and assigned and that he has not executed and will not execute any document or instrument in conflict herewith;

Each of the undersigned further covenants and agrees that at any time upon request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns he will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns all information known to him relating to said invention or patent application and that he will execute and deliver any papers, make all rightful oaths, testify in any legal proceedings and perform all other lawful acts deemed necessary or desirable by said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to perfect title to said invention, to said application including divisions and continuations thereof and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor or thereon, including reissues or extensions, in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, or assigns or to assist said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns in obtaining, reissuing or enforcing Letters Patent of the United States for said invention;

Each of the undersigned hereby grants to Robert J. Koch, Registration No. 26,637; Mark E. Ungerman, Registration No. 32,070; Michael J. Strauss, Registration No. 32,443; and Peter J. Davis, Registration No. 36,119; and the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.P., the power to insert in this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this Assignment.

## Names and Signatures of Inventors:

 date 5/6/97

Name: Alexander I. McAllister

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## Names and Signatures of Witnesses:

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